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Beyond borders: Using transnational data to depict territorial dynamics

How can we turn data from different countries into a coherent picture of territorial dynamics beyond municipal and NUTS 3 boundaries? Drawing on three recent projects, this ÖIR online dialogue will explore how comparable data and maps can reveal cross-border relationships and inform territorial policy and planning. Together with participants, we will discuss how to interpret evidence across different geographical scales and make it useful for decision-making, while recognising its limitations.

- The Study on Cross-Border Data Collection, commissioned by DG REGIO, examines how administrative sources can support comparable statistics on people living in one country and working in a neighbouring one. We will discuss their potential for understanding cross-border labour markets, alongside remaining data gaps and methodological challenges.
- The ESPON CROSSGOV project combines thematic indicators to identify and analyse cross-border functional areas. Drawing on the Greater Region, we will show how mapping different indicators such as commuting, economic disparities and housing prices alongside infrastructure and cooperation can reveal territorial relationships and inform cooperation priorities.
- The EUSALP territorial analysis and maps place regional developments within an Alpine-wide perspective. Evidence on economic development, accessibility, environmental pressures and energy highlights shared challenges and territorial differences. We will explore how these findings can support a common understanding of development patterns and inform strategic cooperation across countries and regions.

The dialogue will be particularly relevant to Interreg programme Managing Authorities and Joint Secretariats, territorial observatories, organisations involved in cross-border and macro-regional cooperation, as well as researchers on territorial development.

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Wednesday, 25 November 2026, 12:30 to 14:30 (CET) | Online

Registration per email at team@oir.at until 18.11.2026.

The link will be sent to you via email prior to the meeting.

This online dialogue is part of a series of workshops and conferences regularly organised by ÖIR. During those events, completed and on-going projects are presented, including the methods and procedures applied. We value your experience and interest on the topics discussed and look forward to exchanging with you!